THE STATUTES OF The General Infirmary AT *CHESTER.*

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ORDERED,

THAT a ſecond Edition of the STATUTES be printed, with the ſeveral Corrections and Additions as delivered in by the Committee, and agreed to by the Board; and that 1000 Copies of the ſaid Edition be publiſhed for the Uſe of the INFIRMARY.

THE STATUTES OF THE General Infirmary at *Cheſter*.

I.

THAT the Government of this Society be placed in the Hands of certain Governors, by the Name of *The Governors of the* GENERAL INFIRMARY *at* CHESTER. Style of the Society.

II. THAT all Benefactors of *Twenty Guineas* or upwards at one Time, be Governors during Life. Truſtees.

III. THAT all Subſcribers of *Two Guineas* per Annum, or upwards, be Governors during Payment. Governors.

IV. THAT the Phyſicians and Surgeons attending the INFIRMARY be Governors and have Votes at all Boards.

V. THAT the Head or other Officer, for the Time being, of any Townſhip, Body-Corporate, or Society ſubſcribing *Two Guineas* per Annum, be a Governor during Payment.

VI. THAT twenty-four Subſcribers of *One Guinea* per Annum be choſen Governors for the Year enſuing, by Rotation, as they ſtand in the Alphabetical Liſt.

VII. THAT all Elections be by Ballot, and all Queſtions decided by a Majority of Votes preſent, which ſhall be taken by Ballot, if required.

VIII. THAT the Perſon charged with a Benefaction from an unknown Hand, of *Twenty Guineas* or upwards at one Time to the INFIRMARY, be a Governor for Life from the Time of Payment.

General Board.

IX. THAT a General Meeting of the Governors be held at three ſtated Times in

in the Year, *viz.* on the ſecond Day of *Cheſter May* Races, the ſecond Day of *Cheſter* Summer Aſſizes, and the laſt *Tueſday* in *January*, at Ten o'Clock in the Morning, and oftner upon ſpecial Occaſions.

X. THAT the Power of making and repealing Laws, of electing and removing Officers, be veſted in the General Board, conſiſting of nine Governors at leaſt.

viz 25. Surgeons are no officers

XI. THAT there be elected annually at the General Board in *May* out of the Governors, a Preſident for the enſuing Year. Elections. Preſident.

XII. THAT at the General Board in *May*, two Treaſurers be annually choſen out of the Governors, who ſhall immediately enter upon their Office. Two Treaſurers

XIII. THAT at the General Board in *May* an Under Treaſurer be choſen out of the Governors, who ſhall immediately enter upon his Office, and ſhall duly account for all ſuch Money as he ſhall receive for the Uſe of the INFIRMARY. An Under Treaſurer

XIV.

Auditors. XIV. THAT at the General Board in *May* two Contributors be annually chosen to inſpect and audit the Accounts of the INFIRMARY, and to report the State of the Accounts from Time to Time to the General Board; and that they enter upon their Office at *Midſummer* next.

XV. THAT the Preſident at all Boards and Meetings take the Chair, or in his Abſence the Treaſurers alternately; and in their Abſence that the Members preſent appoint their own Chairman, who upon an Equality of Voices ſhall have a caſting one.

Weekly Board. XVI. THAT there be a Weekly Board of Governors, which ſhall conſiſt of five at leaſt, to meet every *Tueſday* at Eleven o'Clock at the INFIRMARY.

XVII. THAT the Weekly Board regulate all Matters relating to the Admiſſion and Diſcharge of Patients, enquire into the Behaviour of Officers and Servants, examine and paſs Accounts, order Payments, prepare Matters for the General Board, and tranſact ſuch other Affairs as ſhall be committed to them by the General Board.

XVIII.

XVIII. THAT the Weekly Board, nine Members being preſent, have Power to ſummon a General Board upon any ſpecial Occaſion, giving ten Days Notice thereof in the *Cheſter Courant*, and ſpecifying therein the Buſineſs to be tranſacted; and alſo affixing ſuch Notice upon the Gate of the INFIRMARY, and the EXCHANGE in *Cheſter*. Special General Board.

XIX. THAT at every General Board the Proceedings of the laſt General Board, and at every Weekly Board the Proceedings of the laſt Weekly Board, ſhall be read over; and that the Orders of either Board ſhall continue in Force, until altered by a ſubſequent Board.

XX. THAT the Proceedings of every Board be fairly regiſtered and ſigned by the Chairman.

XXI. THAT the Weekly Board of Governors ſhall elect two Contributors, who ſhall be deſired to viſit the Houſe daily for the enſuing Week, each of which in Caſe of Sickneſs, or neceſſary Avocation, may appoint another Contributor to be his Deputy; and that any Governor may perſonally inſpect the State House Visitors.

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of the INFIRMARY, and the Patients at any ſeaſonable Time; and if any Matter ſhall occur to him or them worthy of Notice, they are deſired to report the ſame to the next Weekly or General Board.

XXII. THAT the Accounts of the INFIRMARY be examined at every Weekly Board; and that all Bills be diſcharged by the Treaſurers themſelves, or the Secretary by their Order; and that this be done once a Month or oftner, after ſuch Bills have been allowed by the Weekly Board, and ſigned by the Chairman and two of the Board at leaſt.

XXIII. THAT the Weekly Board, nine Members being preſent, have Power to ſuſpend the Apothecary, Secretary or Matron, for Misbehaviour, and to appoint others during the Suſpenſion; and to remove Nurſes and Servants, and chooſe others in their Room.

Bid cannot ſuſpend Surgeons or Governors

XXIV. THAT ſuch Phyſicians and Surgeons as ſhall be agreed upon at a General Board be nominated to attend the INFIRMARY.

Phyſicians and Surgeons.

XXV. THAT

XXV. THAT a Matron, Apothecary and Secretary, be from Time to Time appointed as Officers; and that a Porter, Nurſes, &c. be appointed as Servants to attend the INFIRMARY. Officers and Servants.

XXVI. THAT when a Vacancy ſhall happen in the Office of Matron, Apothecary or Secretary, the Weekly Board ſhall ſummon a General Board to fill up the Vacancy, unleſs the ſtated General Board ſhall happen in Courſe at a convenient Diſtance; and then Ten Days Notice ſhall be given of ſuch Election in the Manner preſcribed for the ſpecial General Boards. Vacancies filled up by a General Board.

XXVII. THAT ſuch Apothecaries as are Subſcribers be deſired, by Monthly Rotation to viſit the Diſpenſary whenever they pleaſe in an Afternoon, and to obſerve that the Houſe Apothecary performs his Duty; that they be at Liberty every *Monday* to take an Account of the Drugs and Medicines expended in the Houſe; and that they inſert their Obſervations in a Book to be provided for that Purpoſe. Viſiting Apothecaries

XXVIII. THAT the Clergy of *Cheſter* be Viſiting Clergimen

be desired to visit the sick, to read Prayers every Day, to administer the Sacrament at proper Times; and that it be recommended to the Weekly Board, that Patients of all Persuasions be attended in the Manner they desire.

Annual Sermon

XXIX. THAT an annual Sermon be preached before the Society, by one whom the President, or the Treasurers commissioned by him, shall provide for that Purpose, at the *Cathedral* Church in *Chester*, on the second Day of *May* Races.

Auditors Reports & Accounts

XXX. THAT a Report of the State of the INFIRMARY, and of the Number of Patients received and discharged within the Year, with an Abstract of the Proceedings of the Governors, and of the Accounts of the INFIRMARY, be drawn up by the Auditors, and published before the General Meeting in *May*, for the Satisfaction of the Contributors.

Annual Subscriptions

XXXI. THAT all annual Subscriptions be paid in Advance, and be deemed to commence and become due on the Twenty-fifth of *March* preceding the Time of subscribing, unless the Subscribers desire otherwise.

XXXII.

XXXII. THAT to all Perſons whoſe Subſcriptions ſhall be three Months in Arrear, a monitory Letter ſhall be ſent by the Secretary, to prevent further Delay of Payment. All annual Subſcriptions are to be taken to continue, unleſs the Subſcriber orders the contrary by Letter before the ſame become payable. Monitory Letter.

XXXIII. That no Treaſurer, Auditor, Phyſician or Surgeon, ſhall receive any Reward, Salary, or Gratuity from the INFIRMARY for his Service. Officers to act gratis.

XXXIV. That no Patients, Servants, or Perſons related to the INFIRMARY, do at any Time preſume, on Pain of Expulſion, to give or take of any Perſon whatſoever, any Fee, Reward, or Gratuity of any kind, directly or indirectly, for any Service done or to be done on Account of the INFIRMARY. Servants, &c. to take no Gratuity.

XXXV. THAT a Table of the Rules and Orders which relate to the Conduct of Patients and Servants, be hung up in each Ward, and publickly read over every *Sunday* Morning, by one to be appointed by the Matron. Table of Rules

Inventory. XXXVI. THAT an Inventory be kept by the Secretary, and a Copy thereof by the Matron, of all the Houſehold Goods and Furniture of the INFIRMARY; and that once a Year at ſome convenient Time before the General Board in *May*, the Auditors do cauſe a freſh Inventory to be made and compared with that of the preceding Year, as well as with the Account of what has been purchaſed ſince; and that as often as any Thing ſhall be miſſing, the Matron immediately declare it to the Viſitors of the Week.

Method of buying Goodsand Proviſions XXXVII. THAT the Method of dealing with Tradeſmen (unleſs when the Circumſtance of the Caſe require otherwiſe) be to publiſh an Account of the Proviſion and Goods wanted; and a Notice for ſuch Tradeſmen as are willing to furniſh the ſame, to bring a Propoſal ſealed up to the Secretary at a Day fixed.

Diet. No Liquors. XXXVIII. THAT the Appointment of the particular Diet of the Patients be referred to their reſpective Phyſicians or Surgeons; and that no other Proviſions or Liquors be brought into the Houſe to the Patients on any Pretence whatſoever.

XXXIX.

XXXIX. THAT Poor-Boxes be ſet up in the INFIRMARY, and in the *Cathedral* Church, and in all other Churches in the City, to each of which there ſhall be two Locks; of which one Key ſhall be kept by the Treaſurer, and the other as the Weekly Board ſhall appoint; and that Boxes be ſet up in as many Churches, Meeting-Houſes, and other Places, as the Weekly Board ſhall direct; and the Money therein collected ſhall be applied to the Uſe of the INFIRMARY. Charity Boxes.

XL. THAT any poor Perſon recommended by a Subſcriber of Two Guineas annual and upwards, may uſe the Hot, Cold Bath, or Bagnio *gratis*, when they are not wanted for the Patients; but all other Perſons are to pay each Time for the Cold Bath, Sixpence; for the Hot Bath, Two Shillings and Sixpence; and, for the Bagnio, Two Shillings and Sixpence; which Sums the Apothecary ſhall receive, and account for to the Treaſurer. Perſons may uſe the Hot, Cold Bath, or Bagnio.

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Admiſſion and Diſcharge of PATIENTS.

The Time

XLI. THAT Patients be admitted and diſcharged every *Tueſday*, by the Weekly Board between the Hours of Eleven and Twelve; after which Time, no Recommendatory Letters will be received.

The Rules of Admiſſion.

XLII. THAT no Patients be admitted who are able to ſubſiſt themſelves, and pay for Medicines.

XLIII. That no Perſon be admitted a Patient but by Recommendation of a Subſcriber, Benefactor, Phyſician, or Surgeon, attending the INFIRMARY, unleſs in Caſes which admit of no Delay; in which Caſes the Apothecary and Matron may receive Patients, giving immediate Notice to the Phyſician or Surgeon of the Week.

XLIV. THAT a Subſcriber of *One Guinea* yearly, ſhall have a Right to recommend

commend and have one Out-Patient at a Time; and a Subſcriber of *Two Guineas* yearly one In-Patient or two Out-Patients at a Time, and for every larger Sum in the like Proportion; and that any Benefactor of *Ten Guineas* or upwards at one Time ſhall have an equal Right with an annual Subſcriber of *One Guinea*, and that a Benefactor of *Twenty Guineas* ſhall have an equal Right with an annual Subſcriber of *Two Guineas*; and for every larger Sum in the ſame Proportion.

XLV. THAT every, or any Perſon who ſhall give, deviſe or bequeath to the INFIRMARY One Hundred Pounds in Perſonalty or Lands, at any one Gift, Deviſe or Bequeſt; ſuch Perſon, by Will or other Writing, to be made in his or her Life-time, in the Preſence of two or more Witneſſes, ſhall have Liberty to appoint an Aſſignee, who ſhall in like Manner have a Power to appoint an Aſſignee and ſo on ſucceſſively for ever, to put in two In-Patients, and to nominate, without Limitation, Out-Patients, in and to the ſaid INFIRMARY annually, and no more; which Patients ſhall have an equal Benefit with other like Patients of the ſaid INFIRMARY.

FIRMARY. And the ſame Liberty and Power ſhall extend to, and be allowed for every Hundred Pounds more to be given by any Perſon as aforeſaid.

XLVI. THAT Benefactors of leſs than *Ten Guineas*, have the Privilege for the Year enſuing their Benefaction, of recommending one In-Patient (beſides Out-Patients) for every *Two Guineas* given in Benefaction.

XLVII. THAT the Head-Officer of any Townſhip, Body Corporate or Society ſubſcribing *Two Guineas* per Annum to the INFIRMARY, have the ſame Power of recommending Patients with a Subſcriber of equal Value.

XLVIII. THAT the Perſon charged with a Benefaction from an unknown Hand of *Twenty Guineas* or upwards at one Time to the INFIRMARY, ſhall have the ſame Privilege of recommending Patients, as if he himſelf had given ſuch a Benefaction.

XLIX. THAT no Subſcriber's Recommendation be accepted while his Subſcription is in Arrear.

XLVI.

L. THAT a Letter ſigned by the Chairman of the Weekly Board, be ſent to every Perſon recommending a Patient, acquainting him that the Perſon recommended is poſtponed or rejected, as the Caſe requires; and that the like Notice be given to the Perſon who recommended, when a Patient is diſcharged.

Caſes of diſtant Patients to be ſent.

LI. THAT Perſons who recommend Patients from diſtant Places, may ſend their Caſes drawn up by ſome able Phyſician, Surgeon or Apothecary, *Poſt paid*; to which an Anſwer will be returned, whether and when they ſhall be admitted; but that the Board be ſtill at Liberty to reject ſuch Patients, if their Caſes ſhall appear to have been miſrepreſented.

Preference of Patients

LII. THAT when there ſhall be want of Room in the INFIRMARY for the the Admiſſion of all duly recommended and qualified to be In-Patients, in Caſes of equal Exigency the Preference be given firſt to thoſe who live at the greateſt Diſtance; Secondly to thoſe recommended by ſuch Subſcribers and Benefactors as have not recommended any In-Patients within the Year; And Thirdly, to thoſe recommended by the largeſt Contribu-

tors; And that they who are proper Objects, and ſhall be excluded at any Time for want of Room ſhall be entered in the Houſe as In-Patients, and received into the Houſe upon the firſt Vacancies, and in the mean Time treated as Out-Patients.

Caſes of Extremity

LIII. THAT one Bed in each Ward be reſerved, as a Proviſion for Accidents that require immediate Relief.

Excepted Caſes.

LIV. THAT no Woman big with Child, no Child under ſeven Years of Age (except in extraordinary Caſes, ſuch as Fractures, Stone, or where Couching, Trepanning, or Amputation are neceſſary) no Perſons ſuſpected to have the Small-Pox or other infectious Diſtemper, having habitual Ulcers, Cancers not admitting of Operation, Epilepſie, Conſumptions or Dropſies in their laſt Stages, in a dying Condition, or judged Incurable, be admitted as In-Patients; or if inadvertently admitted be ſuffered to continue.

Soldiers.

LV. THAT no Soldier be admitted an In-Patient until his Officer has engaged to pay his Subſiſtance-Money to the Treaſurers during ſuch Time as he ſhall continue there; except Soldiers on Furlough where there is no Officer at hand to engage for them.

LVI. THAT all Perſons admitted into the Houſe, and in three Months receiving no Benefit, be diſcharged; unleſs the Phyſicians or Surgeons certify to the Weekly Board, that there is a Probability of their being cured or receiving conſiderable Relief. Incurables to be diſcharged.

Phyſicians and Surgeons.

LVII. THAT the Phyſicians and Surgeons, one of each, attend in their Turns at the INFIRMARY every *Tueſday* at Eleven of the Clock, to examine thoſe who ſhall be recommended for Patients, to certify their Opinions of the ſeveral Caſes to the Board, and to receive under their Care ſuch as ſhall be admitted.

LVIII. THAT the Phyſicians and Surgeons do meet at the INFIRMARY every *Friday*, at Eleven of the Clock, to viſit their In-Patients, and to conſult upon difficult Caſes, to note down the Patients proper to be diſcharged on the *Tueſday* following, and to preſcribe for their Out-Patients then on the Book.

LIX. THAT the Phyſicians and Surgeons viſit their reſpective In-Patients at other Times, as they ſhall judge neceſſary, or ſhall have Notice of any ſudden Emergency from the Apothecary or Matron.

LX. THAT no Amputation or other great Operation, except an urgent Occaſion require it, be performed without a previous Conſultation of the Phyſicians and Surgeons.

LXI. THAT each Phyſician and Surgeon, whoſe Buſineſs or Indiſpoſition ſhall oblige him to be abſent, engage ſome other Phyſician or Surgeon of the INFIRMARY to attend for him.

Houſe Apothecary.

LXII. THAT the Houſe Apothecary fix two Tickets on each Patient's Bed; one ſpecifying the Name of the Patient together with that of the Phyſician, Surgeon, or both occaſionally; and the other the Diet according to the Preſcription of the Phyſicians or Surgeons, and give a Liſt of the ſame to the Matron each preſcribing Day.

LXIII. THAT

LXIII. THAT he visit the Wards every Morning, and be prepared to report the State of the Patients to the Physicians or Surgeons.

LXIV. THAT he dispense no Medicines without the Direction of the Physicians or Surgeons; except in Cases of Necessity when they cannot be consulted.

LXV. THAT he make a Report to the Weekly Board of all Patients received into the House in the foregoing Week; and deliver a List at every Board of such Patients as have been in the House two Months.

LXVI. THAT he do not presume to practice as an Apothecary out of the House, or attend any other Business than that of the INFIRMARY.

LXVII. THAT he do not suffer any Apothecary or other Person to inspect the Physicians Books or Pharmacopœia, without Leave of the Physicians.

LXVIII. THAT no Drugs or Medicines be bought without an Order from the Board or Committee for providing Drugs, except in Cases of Necessity; and then not without an Order by one of the Physicians or Surgeons.

LXIX. THAT no Drugs or Medicines be depoſited among the Stores, till they have been firſt inſpected by the Committee for buying Drugs.

LXX. That he never be abſent from the INFIRMARY when the Phyſicians and Surgeons are to attend, nor at any other Time above two Hours together; and that he always give Notice to the Matron, and be within Call; that he be at Home at Ten o'Clock at fartheſt in the Evening, and do not lie out of the Houſe without ſpecial Leave from the Board, or the Houſe Viſitors; that in ſuch Caſe he appoint another Apothecary, who ſhall be approved by the Phyſicians, to officiate in his Place.

Secretary.

LXXI. THAT the Secretary attend at every Board to minute down and regiſter all Proceedings; and that he be always ready to produce the Books and Accounts of the Society fairly written.

LXXII. THAT he enter in a Regiſter the Names of the Patients who ſhall be taken in, and of the Out-Patients; the Pariſh

Pariſh or Townſhip they belong to; their Age and Diſtemper; when admitted; when diſcharged; and in what State.

LXXIII. THAT he give Notice in Writing every *Saturday* to the Clergyman whoſe Turn it is to viſit, and to the Houſe Viſitors every *Tueſday*, who are appointed for the following Week; to the viſiting Apothecary every Month before his Turn begins, and to the Governors choſen at the General Boards.

Matron.

LXXIV. THAT the Matron take Care of all the Houſhold Goods and Furniture, and be ready to give an Account thereof when required.

LXXV. THAT ſhe keep a daily Account of the Proviſions, and other Neceſſaries that are brought into the Houſe; and lay it before the Weekly Board every *Tueſday*.

LXXVI. THAT ſhe viſit the Wards and Offices every Day; that ſhe take Care that the Chambers, Beds, Clothes, Linen, and all other Things within the INFIRMARY, be kept clean.

LXXVII. THAT ſhe keep a Diet-Book, by which the Number of Patients on each Diet may be known.

LXXVIII. THAT ſhe cauſe the Names of the Patients to be called over in each Ward every Morning and Evening; and enter in the Houſe-Viſitor's Book the Names of thoſe who are abſent.

LXXIX. THAT ſhe take Care of the Keys of the Doors; and ſee that the Outer-Gates be always locked at Nine in the Evening from *Michaelmas* to *Lady-Day*; and at Ten in the Evening from *Lady-Day* to *Michaelmas*.

LXXX. THAT ſhe ſee that the Nurſes, Servants, and Patients do their Duty, and obſerve the Rules of the Houſe; and in Caſes of Misbehaviour or Neglect acquaint the Weekly Board or Houſe Viſitors therewith.

Servants.

LXXXI. THAT the Nurſes clean their reſpective Wards by Seven in the Morning, from the Firſt of *March* to the Firſt of *October*; and by Eight in the Morning, from the Firſt of *October* to the Firſt of *March*.

LXXXII. THAT the Nurſes and Servants obey the Matron as their Miſtreſs; that they behave with Tenderneſs to the Patients, and with Civility and Reſpect to Strangers.

Porter.

LXXXIII. THAT the Porter carefully attend the Gate; and ſuffer no In-Patient to go out without Leave; and that he inform the Matron of every Stranger that comes into the INFIRMARY.

LXXXIV. THAT he obey the Orders of the Phyſicians, Surgeons, and Apothecary, and do the labouring Work of the Houſe when ordered by the Matron; and that when he is to be abſent upon any ſuch Buſineſs he give the Matron Notice, that another may be appointed to attend the Gate.

Patients.

LXXXV. THAT no In-Patient go out of the INFIRMARY without Leave from their reſpective Phyſician or Surgeon firſt ſignified to the Matron; and that no In-Patient lie out of the Houſe on any Account whatever, on Pain of being diſcharged for Irregularity.

LXXXVI. THAT no Men Patients go into the Womens Ward, no Women Patients into the Mens, without Leave of the Matron.

LXXXVII. THAT they do not ſwear, curſe, behave rudely or indecently; on Pain of being diſcharged, after the firſt Admonition, for Irregularity.

LXXXVIII. THAT no Patient preſume to play at Cards or Dice or any other Game, or to ſmoke any where within doors.

LXXXIX. THAT ſuch Patients as are able to be employed in the Service of the INFIRMARY, aſſiſt in nurſing the Patients, Waſhing and Ironing the Linen, Waſhing and Cleaning the Wards, and in any other Buſineſs that the Matron ſhall require.

XC.

XC. THAT ſuch In-Patients as are able be allowed to go to their reſpective Places of Worſhip on *Sundays* in the Forenoon and Afternoon; that they return to the INFIRMARY directly; and that no Perſons be admitted to viſit Patients on that Day till after Evening Service, without ſpecial Leave of the Matron.

XCI. THAT the Out-Patients be aſſiſted with Advice and Medicines only, and be no other Way chargeable to the Society.

XCII. THAT they attend exactly at Eleven o'Clock every *Friday*; and if they abſent themſelves twice together without a reaſonable Cauſe, to be allowed by their reſpective Phyſician or Surgeon, that they be diſcharged for Irregularity.

XCIII. That no freſh Medicines be given them, till they deliver their Phials or Gallipots, and ſuch Medicines as they have not taken.

XCIV. That no Patient preſume to loiter about the INFIRMARY or Places adjacent, or to beg any where in the City, on Pain of being diſcharged for Irregularity.

XCV. THAT no Perſon diſcharged for Irregularity be admitted again a Patient of the INFIRMARY on any Recommendation whatſoever, unleſs in ſome very extraordinary Caſes to be unanimouſly approved by the Board.

Houſe Viſitors.

XCVI. THAT the Houſe Viſitors enquire every Day whether the foregoing Rules concerning Officers, Servants and Patients, have been obſerved; particularly whether the Patients be duly attended; whether Prayers have been duly read; whether the Patients or Servants have been guilty of Swearing, Drunkenneſs, any Immorality or Indecency; whether the Proviſions be good, and whether any have been carried out or brought in to the Patients clandeſtinely; and that they enter what they think obſervable in a Book provided for that purpoſe.

XCVII. THAT the Apothecary, Matron, and Servants be ready to attend the Viſitors in the Board-Room; and when the Viſitors enter the Wards, the Servants withdraw, and the Patients ſtand by their reſpective Beds.

All Perſons who are diſpoſed to contribute by Will to this Charity, are deſired to do it in the following Manner:

I Give and bequeath unto A. B. and C. D. the Sum of upon Truſt that they pay the ſame to the Treaſurers, for the Time being, of the PUBLICK or GENERAL INFIRMARY at CHESTER; which Sum I charge upon my perſonal Eſtate, and deſire it may be applied to the charitable Uſes of the ſaid INFIRMARY.

Form of a Letter to recommend Patients.

GENTLEMEN,

I Recommend to your Examination of the Pariſh or Townſhip of who I am well ſatisfied is a real Object of Charity, and deſtitute of Friends to procure Advice and Medicines; and deſire may be admitted an Patient of the INFIRMARY, if duly qualified.

Form

Form of an Answer when the Person recommended is thought improper to be admitted.

General Infirmary at Chester.

SIR,

BY Order of the Weekly Board now Sitting I beg Leave to acquaint you, that recommended by you as an Patient appears upon Examination improper to be admitted,

CHAIRMAN.

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Form of an Answer when the House is Full.

SIR,

BY Order of the Weekly Board now Sitting I beg Leave to acquaint you, that recommended by you for an In-Patient, cannot yet be received into the House for want of Room; but is now entered in the Books, and made an Out-Patient, and will be received into the House upon the Vacancy.

CHAIRMAN.

Form

Form of a Notice to be ſent to the Perſon recommending, when a Patient is diſcharged for Irregularity.

General Infirmary at Cheſter.

SIR,

BY Order of the Weekly Board now Sitting I beg Leave to acquaint you, that being on Examination fully aſſured of the irregular Behaviour of recommended by you, they have thought themſelves obliged to diſcharge him.

Form of a Letter to be ſent to Subſcribers who are in Arrear.

General Infirmary at Cheſter,

SIR,

IN Compliance with the Rules of this Society I am to acquaint you, that it appears by the Secretary's Books, that your

your Subſcription of
per Annum, payable laſt
has not yet been received; it is therefore the Requeſt of the Board that you will be pleaſed to pay it to one of the Treaſurers or Correſpondents, and excuſe this Application, as it is the conſtant Uſage of other INFIRMARIES in the like Caſe.

CHAIRMAN.

Cheſter, July 18, 1755.

Read and approv'd by the General Board.

TRAFFORD BARNSTON,
WILLIAM COWPER, } Treaſurers.

POSTSCRIPT.

IF the Subſcription has been paid to any of the Correſpondent-Receivers, of which no Notice has been ſent to the Board, your Pardon is begg'd for this Application.

FINIS.